

**METHOD OF PROCESSING ITEMS IN A  
CHECK PROCESSING SYSTEM AND AN APPARATUS THEREFOR**

**Abstract**

A method of processing a deposit slip item in a check processing system comprises the steps of (a) capturing an image of the deposit slip item, (b) extracting account owner data from the captured image of step (a), (c) recognizing an account owner name from the extracted account owner data of step (b), and (d) storing the recognized account owner name of step (c) in memory to provide a lexicon against which extracted payee data from a check item can be compared. The method may further comprise the steps of (e) generating a number of equivalent account owner names based upon the extracted account owner data of step (b), and (f) storing the equivalent account owner names of step (e) in memory to provide other lexicons against which extracted payee data from a check item can be compared.